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Good afternoon,

Per your request, here are brief summaries of the calls that Rocky Mountain Poison Center has received regarding exposures to water from the Cement Creek/Animas River following the Gold King Mine wastewater release on 5 August 2015. We received a total of 2 calls on this event to date, involving 4 people. Please forward this as needed.

Call	Date of Call	Details
1	8/8/15	Call made by healthcare provider from a local Emergency Department (ED). A 56 year old man was staying in a cabin near the river. He had chicken eggs inside a bucket and stored the bucket in the river to keep them cool. He said the bucket water was clear. He ate the eggs on 8/7/15 and on 8/8/15. He went to the ED because he had one loose bowel movement with visible blood. Toxicology consultation was facilitated and it was felt the symptoms were unlikely related to ingestion of eggs that had been exposed to the contaminated water. It was postulated that absorption of the river water through the eggshells would be negligible if any at all.
2	8/9/15	Father of 3 children (ages 8, 10, 13) took kids to see the spill and allowed them to play in the river. Afterwards, they went out to eat at a restaurant and they used their hands to eat – which were not decontaminated. History also includes that water may have been visible on hands while they ate. None of the exposed individuals experienced any symptoms. Father was told to make sure all thoroughly washed their hands and any skin affected, and to call back if any symptoms developed.

Please let me know if you have questions on either of these cases or any other matters

Sincerely,

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